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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2006, from the United States Patent Office, applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.


Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 3 of this paper.

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